



Canton Parks Master Plan

City-Wide Public Meeting

JUNE 23, 2015



Canton Parks Master Plan

Meeting Goals and Agenda

Agenda:

- **Introduction** — Derek Gordon
- **Master Plan Presentation**
 - Inventory
 - Park Assessments
 - Level of Service – (2015 Comprehensive Plan)
 - Prioritization of Parks (Recommendations)
- **Discussion (20 minutes)**
- **Next Steps**



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Parks Assessment

City of Canton: Parks Master Plan

Park Facility Assessment

• Methodology

- **VERY GOOD/NEW** - New or Like New condition
- **GOOD** - Above average condition for age
- **FAIR** - Normal condition
- **POOR** - Deteriorating condition for age
- **VERY POOR** - Inferior condition
- Not Accessible/None – Component condition could not be viewed based on access, life safety, or other blockage. Or no components exist (i.e. boulevards)

Existing Facility Inventory

Albert Reiter Park (10.71 Acres)

1435 Cherry Avenue SE, Canton, 44707

Site Facility Assessment:

# OF FACILITIES	DESCRIPTION	CONDITION
1	Composite Play Structure (Medium)	New
1	Playground - Swings (Large - 6 seats)	Poor
1	Metal Climbing Structure	Very Poor
1	Picnic Shelter w/ tables, grill	Poor
1	Parking Lot (Asphalt)	Poor
1	Restroom (Flush)	Poor

Usage: Moderate

Classification (NRPA Standards): Neighborhood Park

Opportunities: Park is utilized often. Park falls within flood plain. Opportunity to provide designed regional flood storage. Proximity to Nimishillen Creek.

Constraints: Transitional neighborhood. Documented uncontrolled flooding events. Lack of lighting. Restroom building has a step up to it, therefore it is not accessible.

Surrounding Uses: Residential, Commercial, Natural

Historic Features (Y/N): No

Environmental Issues: Unknown

Vegetation Analysis: Lawn with some trees. Lack of vegetation around stream bank, resulting in bank erosion.

Site Access: Boundary of park is open.

Circulation Patterns: No external trails or nearby bike routes. No internal trail network.

Deed Restrictions/Easements: Unknown

NOTES: Graffiti, vandalism, and location in a transitional neighborhood give park some safety/appearance concerns. No lighting in park. Park falls within flood plain. Outdated park signage is used and should be replaced with new standard. Trash cans are blue plastic barrels. Restroom building brick, tile and roof are in good shape, however sinks, doors, and toilets are in need of replacement. Provide ramp to restroom building for accessibility. Parking lot needs resurfacing and restriping. Playground lacks handicap accessible path from parking lot to handicap accessible opening in playground curbing. Metal climbing structure and swings are not handicap accessible. Public sidewalks are adjacent to roadway and are in poor condition, consider removing and relocating connector sidewalks away from the road.

PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS: Park is utilized often and is in a good location. A food truck used the picnic shelter over the summer and it was successful. Many residents use the park for picnicking. Shelter is underutilized and is not rented often. Geese have been a problem due to location near stream. Banks of stream are steep and may be a safety hazard.

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Recommendations & Action Steps

Assess Current Park Maintenance Designations

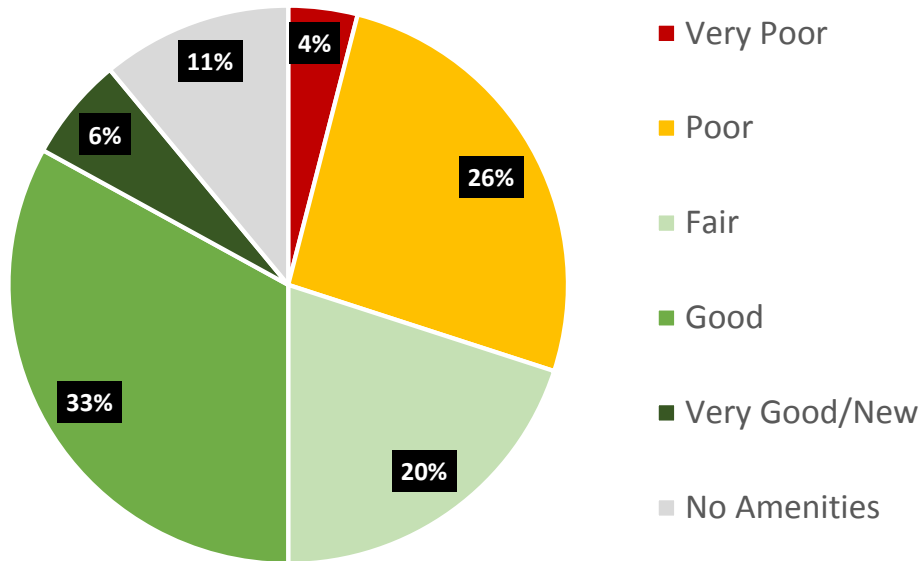
- 17 FTE
- \$1.617M annual budget for operations
- Below NRPA national staffing standards by 47%
- Below NRPA national budget standards by 40%
- Staffing now maintains 32 acres/FTE (compared to national average of 14.1 acres/FTE)



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Overall Assessment of Parks



Overall Park Assessment

- **66 Parks in inventory**
- **790 acres of park land**
 - 3 in Very Poor condition
 - 17 in Poor condition
 - 13 in Fair condition
 - 22 in Good condition
 - 4 in Very Good/New condition
 - 7 have No Amenities
- **53% of parks are in Good or Fair Condition**



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The City of Canton Park Commission recognizes the value parks, recreational opportunities, and open spaces provide for the physical, social, and environmental well-being of the City of Canton and its residents. In order to sustain the quality of the city's parks and continue to facilitate the public and their recreational needs, the Canton Park Commission is developing a 2014 Master Plan. The plan will outline the future of Canton's 60 plus parks and open spaces and define objectives to improve aesthetic and economic value, open space, and necessary enhancements to sustain the parks for future needs.

Your attendance is requested at one of the five public meetings. The first meeting's scope will focus on city-wide topics and objectives of the parks. The remaining four meetings will be broken into the city's quadrants to discuss specific park issues. Your feedback is vital to help identify the community's needs and preferences as we plan for the future of Canton's parks. Each meeting will use an Open House format that will begin with a short presentation, followed by an opportunity for your comments and questions to be heard.

Please mark your calendar to attend the meeting in your area. Meetings will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Use this opportunity for your voice to help shape the future of Canton's Parks!

Please also take time to fill out our survey!

envdesigngroup.polladdy.com/s/canton-parks-survey

CITY-WIDE MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOV. 5TH, 6:00 PM
CANTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
218 CLEVELAND AVE. SW

PRESENTED BY:
CANTON
PARKS AND RECREATION



SAVE THE DATES

Northwest Meeting
Thursday Nov. 6
Canton Garden Center
1615 Stadium Park Dr. NW
6:00 pm

Southwest Meeting
Thursday Nov. 13
Babe Stearn Community Center
2628 13th St. SW
6:00 pm

Southeast Meeting
Tuesday Nov. 18
Edward 'Peel' Coleman Community Center
1400 Sherrick Rd. SE
6:00 pm

Northeast Meeting
Wednesday Nov. 19
Belle Stone Elementary School (NE)
2100 Rowland Ave. NE
6:00 pm



Public Meetings

- Over 93 participants

Public Survey

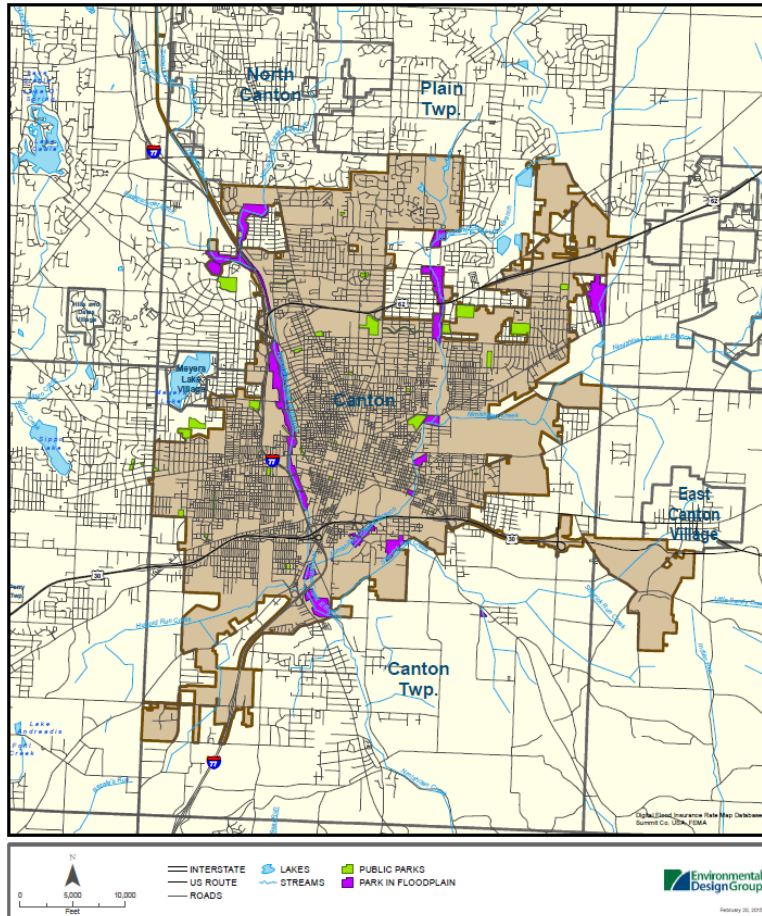
- Over 128 participants

*Results of survey are not statistically valid. Results were used as feedback/general consensus of public.



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Park Programming Assets

- **Flood Control**
 - 24 parks in flood plain
- **Active Recreation Facilities**
 - Revenue for most active recreation collected by CJRD
- **Passive Recreation Facilities**
 - \$30,000 revenue in shelter rentals (2014)



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Canton Parks Master Plan - Public Survey

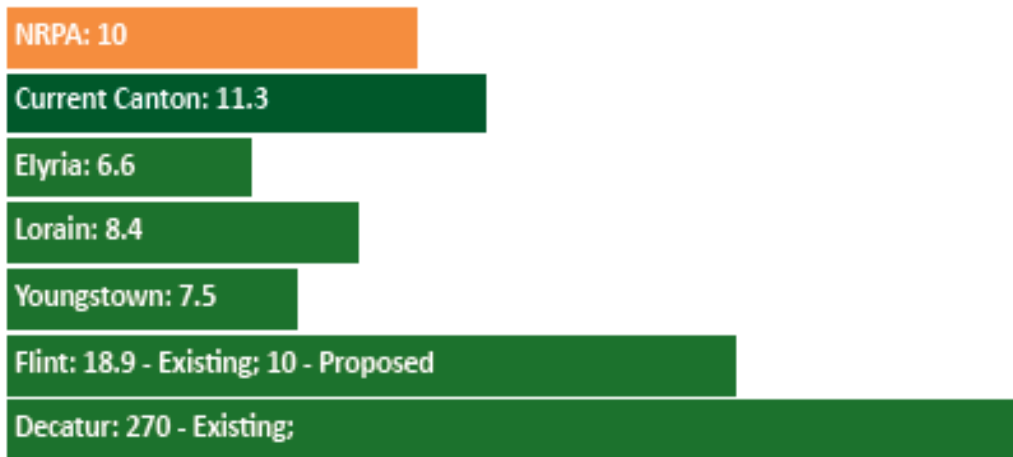
Q13 Please tell us how you feel about the statements below:				
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Do not Agree	Need More Information
"Conserving land for public parks, recreation, water quality, and wildlife habitat is a good use of public funds."	70 (54.68%)	52	0	6
"Canton Parks should sell less-used parks (and properties outside of city limits) and open land to improve parks that are more frequently used."	36	46 (35.93%)	20	26
"Canton Parks should reduce maintenance through the use of native plants, less mowing, and increase non-public areas in order to focus maintenance and improvements on parks that are more frequently visited"	43 (33.59%)	35	21	29
Total				128
Skipped				0



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Level of Service (Existing Parks)

Level of Service (Acres/1000 Population)

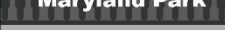


- Comparison of the Canton Park System to similar park systems both locally and around the nation
- Does not account for type of park (Nature preserve, community parks, neighborhood parks)



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Recommendations & Action Steps

Park attracts many users from throughout the City and beyond	Park used by several neighborhoods or the City at large	Park used by local neighborhood
		
Nimisilla Park, Stadium Park, Arboretum Park	Mother Gooseland, Willig Field, Robert E. Schreiber Park	Bernard Ave. Playground, Maryland Park
		
Share responsibility between City and Regional agency	Canton Parks Department maintenance	Reach out to neighborhood organizations (Adopt-a-Park)
-OR-	Share responsibility between city and local group	
Transfer park to state, county, or regional collaboration		

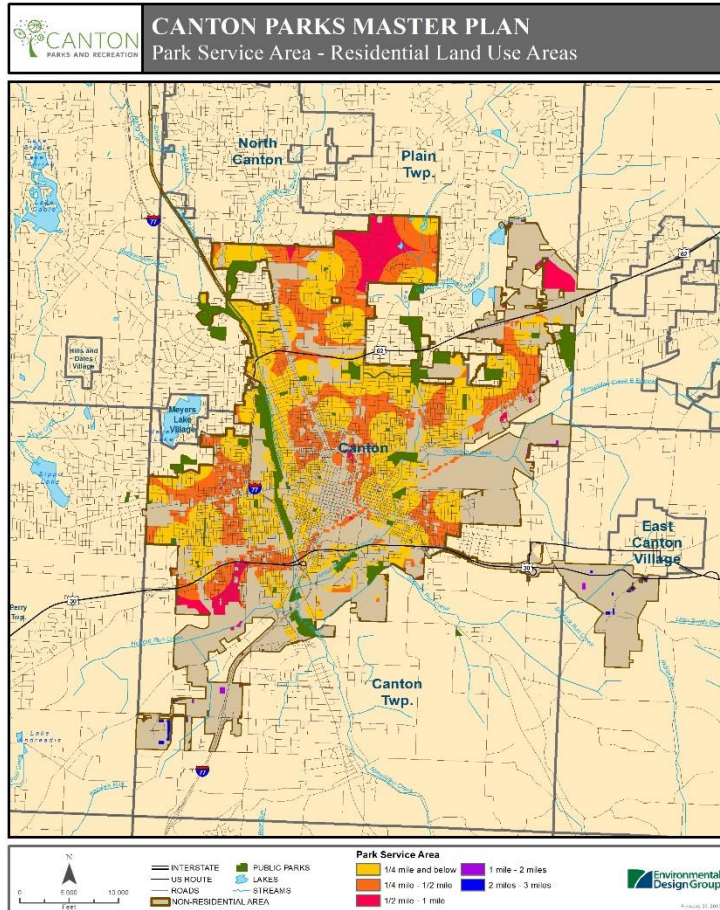
Assess Re-use, Decommissioning and Sharing Responsibility

- **Model used for:**
 1. **Determining maintenance level**
 2. **Categorization based on usage/size**



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Evaluation & Recommendations

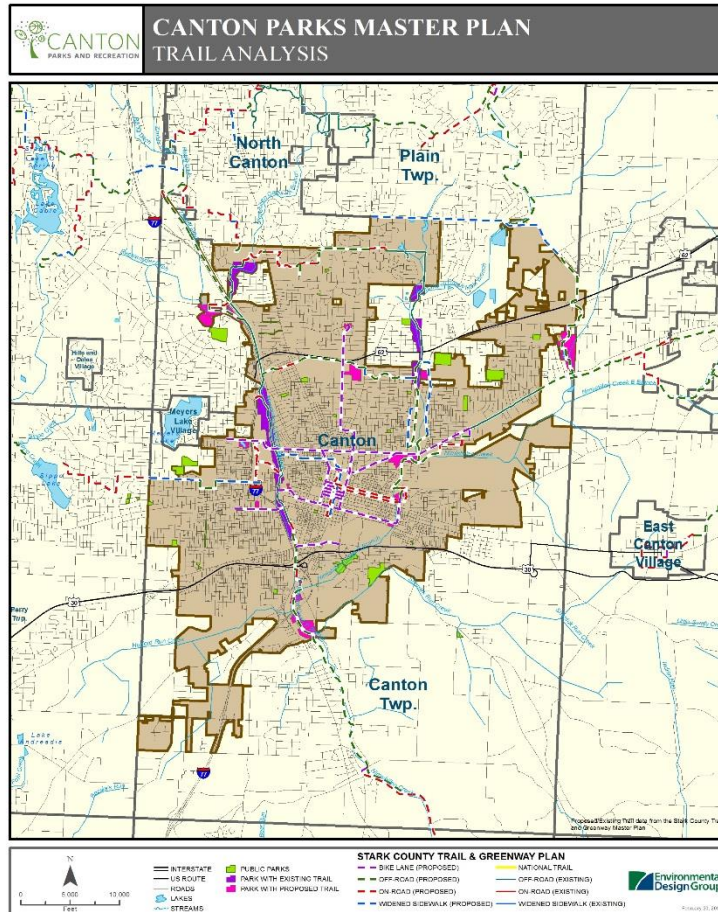


- **Evaluation of Existing Parks**
- **Review Park Service Standards**
- **Find Gaps in Service Areas**
- **Social Equality**
- **Expand Volunteer Programs**
- **Connections to Future and Existing Trails**



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Evaluation & Recommendations



- **Connections to Future and Existing Trails**
 - 37% of residents use parks for access to trails
 - Increase connectivity to neighborhoods and other parks
 - Regional trails attract users from outside of Canton



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Prioritization (Existing Parks)

1. Priority Investment

- Primary parks for immediate investment and Master Plan creation (Highest Priority)

2. Secondary Investment

- Priority for upgrades after “Priority Investment” group tasks and “Decommission/Repurpose” group tasks are completed

3. Modest Investment

- Priority to keep facilities in current condition – no deferred maintenance, facility upgrades as needed

4. Sustained Maintenance

- Sustain current maintenance of each site

5. Decommission or Repurpose

- Priority for decommission or repurposing. Tasks completed in conjunction with “Priority Investment” tasks.



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Priority Investment

Immediate Investment *and* Master Plan Creation

- **Brian's Park** (Rowland Ave. NE)
- **Canton Lincoln Highway Station** (Tuscarawas St.)
- **Cook Park** (Mahoning Rd. NE)
- **Crenshaw Park** (Sherrick Rd. SE)
- **King Park** (High Ave. NW)
- **Mini Park #19*** (Cornelia Ave. NE)
- **Mother Gooseland** (Schroyer Ave. SW)
- **Nimisilla Park** (O'Jays Pkwy. NE)
- **Stark-Wayne Schrader Playground** (Hammond Ave. SW)
- **West Park*** (Schroyer Ave. SW)



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Second Priority for Investment

- **Albert Reiter Park** (Cherry Ave. SE)
- **Harmont Park** (Harmont Ave. NE)
- **Lee Park** (4th St. SE)
- **Maryland Park** (Maryland Ave. SW)
- **Mini Park #8** (Boyland Ave. SE)
- **Monument Park** (Stadium Park Dr. NW)
- **Schreiber Park** (Maple Ave. NE)
- **Stadium Park** (Stadium Park Dr. NW)
- **Waterworks Park** (Washington Blvd. NW)



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Minor Increase *from
current investment*

- **Brian C. Roshong Police Memorial Park** (Harvard Ave.)
- **Lawrence Park** (Whipple Ave.)
- **Martindale Park** (Martindale Rd.)
- **Meyers Park** (Park Ave. SW)
- **Mini Park #25** (Allen Ave. SE)
- **Vassar Hill Park** (Vassar Ave. NW)
- **Weis Park** (Harvard Ave. NW)
- **Westbrook Veteran's Memorial Park** (Harrison Ave. NW)
- **Willig Field** (30th St. NE)



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Sustained Maintenance

**Sustain current
level of
maintenance –**
*no increased
investment*

- **Arboretum Park** (38th St. NW)
- **Bernard Avenue Playground** (Bernard Ave. NW)
- **Bors Field** (Harrisburg Rd. NE)
- **McKinley Park** (5th St. SW)
- **Bup Rearick Park** (Ellis Ave. NE)
- **Colonial Park Boulevard** (Market & St. Elmo Ave.)
- **Don Correll Park** (Roberts Ave. NW)
- **E. Jay Welch Playground** (Cleveland Ave. NW)
- **Fairhope Nature Preserve** (30th St. NE)
- **Freeway Park** (Kimball Rd. SE)
- **Garaux Park** (13th St. SW)
- **Gervasi Station Trailhead** (55th St. NE)
- **Herbruck Park** (Royal Ave. NE)
- **Ink Park** (38th St. NW)
- **Jackson Park** (Cherry Ave.)
- **Maryland Avenue Boulevard**
- **Mt. Vernon Boulevard**
- **Reifsnyder Park** (Spangler St.)
- **Richard A. Mallonn Memorial Park** (Raff Rd. NW)
- **Spiker Park** (Westmoreland Ave. NW)
- **Thurman Munson Stadium** (Allen Ave. SE)
- **Washington Boulevard**



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Decommission or Repurpose

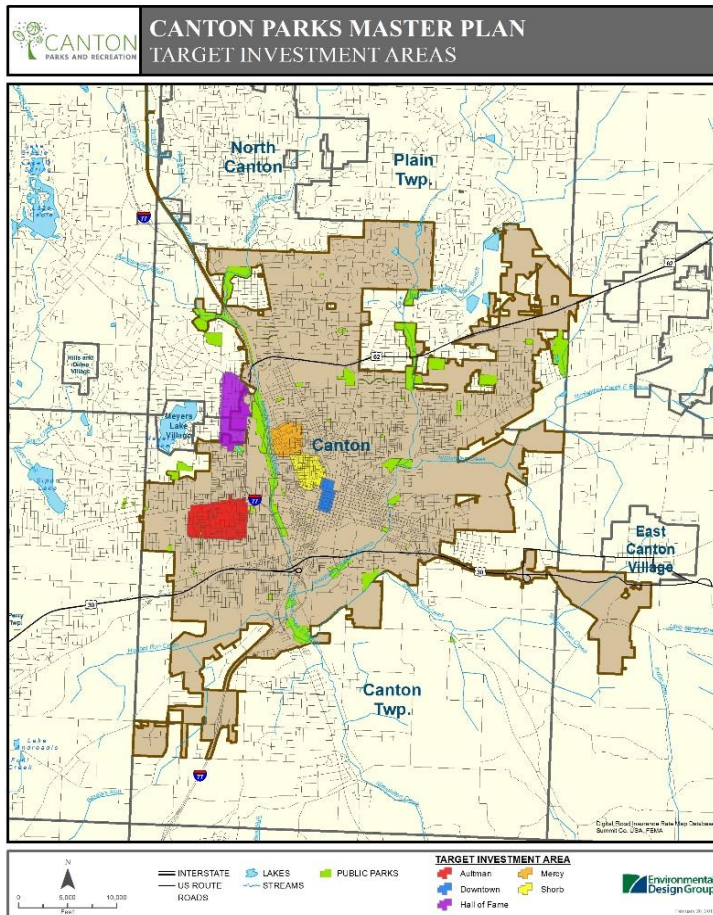
Decommission or Repurpose/ Naturalize Park

- **Covered Bridge Park**
(Guilford Ave. NW)
- **Grovemiller Park**
(Tioga St. NW)
- **Jackson Pool**
(Nimisilla Ct. SE)
- **Maple Playground**
(Maple Ave. NE)
- **Mini Park #1**
(Marion Ave. SW)
- **Mini Park #11**
(Rowland Ave. NE)
- **Mini Park #19***
(Cornelia Ave. Ne)
- **Mini Park #3**
(Warner Rd. SE)
- **Mini Park #32** (Lawn Ave. SE)
- **Mini Park #5** (Lawn Ave. SW)
- **Mini Park #9**
(Economy Ct. NE)
- **Northview Park**
(46th St. NW)
- **Oak Park** (St. Elmo Ave. NE)
- **Park Connector Strip** (Allen Ave. SE)
- **Riverside Park**
(Warner Rd. NE)
- **Triangle Peninsulas (Crystal Park)**
(Mahoning Rd. NE)
- **Waynesburg Park**
(Sherr Ave. SE)
- **West Park***
(Schroyer Ave. SW)



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Target Investment Areas & Newly Proposed Parks



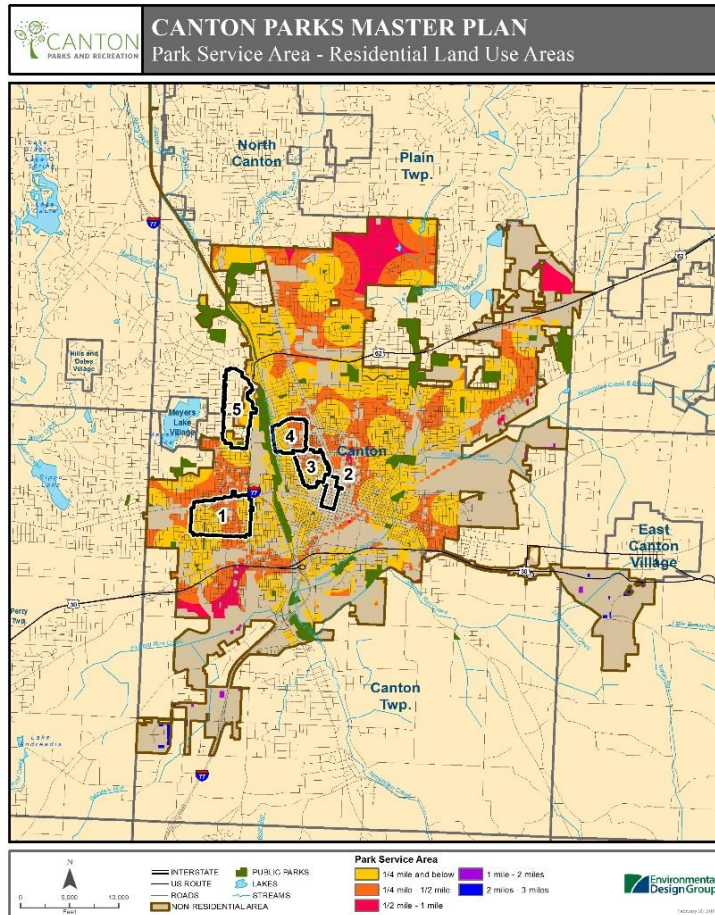
- **Target Investment Areas (TIAs)**

- Potential parks may be established in these areas
- Funded by capital – not Parks Department
- Fill current park service area gaps



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- **Locate Underserved Areas**

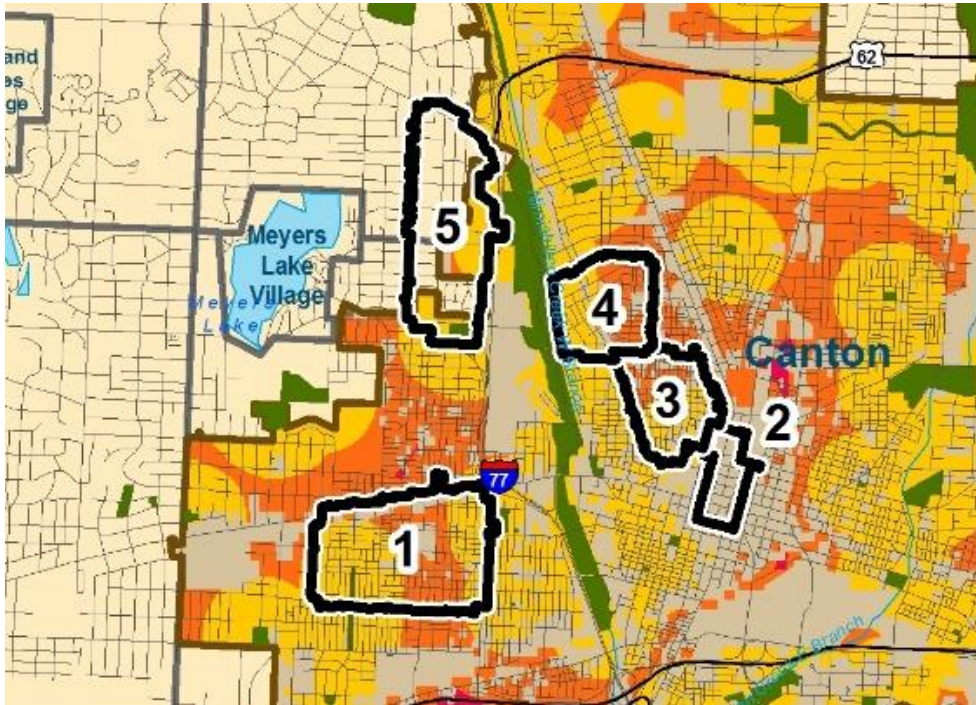
- Potential areas for new parks or partnership with schools

- **Target Investment Areas**

1. Aultman
2. Downtown
3. Shorb
4. Mercy
5. Hall of Fame

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Target Investment Areas & Newly Proposed Parks



- **TIAs contain service area “gaps”**
 - Potential to establish new parks nearby
 - Look at partnerships with schools as alternative
 - Consider recreational facilities (non-park) nearby

1. Aultman
2. Downtown
3. Shorb
4. Mercy
5. Hall of Fame



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Underserved Areas & Potential Solutions

Gaps in Park Service Areas	
Intersection	Proposed Solution / Facility Partnership
Broad and Crown NW	Clarendon Elementary School Playground
Cloister and 48th St NW	Glenwood Middle School Athletic Complex
Logan and 44th NW	Frazer Elementary School Playground and Field
Loma Linda and Grenada NE	Portage Montessori School Playground and Field
Gibbs and 25th NE	Belle Stone Elementary School Playground
Old Lehman	Old Lehman
Shadyside and 9th St SW	Cedar Elementary School Playground
Arlington and 11th St SW	J. Babe Stearn Community Center
Tanner and 18th SW	McGregor Elementary School Playground
Roosevelt and 17th St NE	Imagine Schools on Superior (St. Paul's Place NE)
Economy and 4th NE	Belden Elementary School Playground
Eastwood and Logan	Portage Collaborative Montessori School



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Questions?

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